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Subject: Brine Services - Site Technical Issues

Dear Marc,

I appreciate the time that the Brine Services Group took July 11 and 12, 2016, to meet with TCEQ, USFWS, and EPA and to conduct a site-walk of the Brine Services Superfund Site. I also appreciate the post-meeting follow up information provided in response to agency requests for additional information.

During that July 11th meeting the Group identified certain technical issues related to the agencies' concerns with the draft Remedial Investigation (RI). At the meeting the Group provided information regarding Site history, Site area and setting location, and historical investigations and recent RI investigations; provided information regarding Site and regional groundwater classification; presented geologic/hydrogeologic Site models; presented 3-dimensional modeling results; and presented potential remedial alternatives. The technical issues identified during the July 11, 2016 meeting were also discussed during a March 22, 2016 meeting based on Project Navigator Meeting Notes dated March 24, 2016. Project Navigator's meeting notes also describe scheduling a "day-long" meeting to address technical topics and that the agencies and the group would share topics requiring discussion prior to such meeting. As follow up to the March 22, 2016 meeting, an April 8, 2016 Pastor, Behling & Wheeler letter, identifies key issues for discussion in a technical meeting.

One technical issue identified during the July 11th meeting and in the April 8, 2016 letter relates to classification of groundwater resources at the Site. After further evaluation and discussion, TCEQ and EPA accept the Brine Services Group's demonstration that the applicable classification of the shallow groundwater bearing unit identified as the upper transmissive unit (UTU) is a Class 3 groundwater resource.

Remaining technical issues will require further discussion at a subsequent meeting. I would like to get a sense of folks' schedules for September. If scheduling a September meeting does not work we can look to October. Terry Andrews kindly offered the use of a conference room in the TCEQ Houston office. Scheduling a meeting next week might be too ambitious and conflict with time off folks might have taken in conjunction with Labor Day.

My schedule is quite open from September 14th through the end of the month. Please let me know of 3-4 dates that will work for the Brine Services Group. I can coordinate with TCEQ and internally here with the dates that work for the Group to set a date for a meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require any additional information.

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